

CHURCH MONTHLY BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT.

DUMINICA A II-A DIN POSTUL MARE.

(A Sf. Grigorie de Palama)

We have lived this past week in the light of last Sunday – The triumph of Orthodoxy. A wonderful image and feature was pointed out to us in the Gospel, which was then read.

The triumph of Orthodoxy always starts in a person's heart, and only afterwards, is it expressed externally. To serve God without heart, Orthodoxy without heart – this is the same as a man without heart. And here, today's Gospel speaks about the same thing. A paralytic was brought to the Lord, carried by four people. Unable to get near Christ, because of the multitude, they removed the roof of the house, broke through and lowered the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee". These four people had faith in their hearts, and this faith impelled them to make every effort to help; and Jesus helped them seeing this faith. God did not say at once to the paralytic: "Arise, take up thy bed", but He said: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee: A heart paralyzed by sin could not sense God in Christ and could not rightly praise Him.

And here, St. Gregory Palamas, to whom this Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated, shows us so clearly by his whole life that Christian life, Orthodox life, always begins in our heart, and only then expresses itself in feats of asceticism.

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Cuvantul Sf. Evanghelii din Duminica aceasta este exprimat de Sf. Evanghelist in termeni clari despre adevarata pocainta. Stim cu totii ca omul pacatos este un inchinator la idoli. El il paraseste pe Dumnezeu cel Viu, si-si faureste dumnezei din miile de desertaciuni ale lumii acesteia. Unul isi face un idol din ambitie, altul isi face un idol din mandrie. Acestor idoli, omul slujeste, jertfeste timpul, gandurile lor, le robeste inima.

Pocainta trebuie sa aduca randuiala in aceasta dezordine. Adevaratul penitent trebuie sa devina o fapatura noua. Din rob al patimilor, un copil liber al lui Dumnezeu trebuie sa devina. Din om mort pentru Imparatia lui Dumnezeu, trebuie sa devina un inviat prin suflarea harului Sfantului Duh. Pacatul sa nu mai stapineasca in fiinta sa, ci omul sa se predea pe sine cu totul lui Hristos, singurul Stapin. A doua conditie a pocaintei adevarate este intristarea, adica durerea pentru pacatele savirsite. Cand pacatuim, suntem cele mai nenorocite fiinte de pep amant. Fiindca in

clipa aceea, il pierdem pe Dumnezeu, izvorul a tot binele si a toata fericirea, in clipa aceea, calcam in picioare voia Lui, dispretuim bunatatea Lui, ocarim singele Lui.

Vamesul din pilda Mintuitorului se simtea atat de vinovat pentru multimea faradelegilor savarsite, incat nici nu cuteza sa-si ridice privirile spre cer. Dar el si-a batut pieptul cu cainta profunda, si s-a indreptat. Si asa, prin pocainta, trebuie sa devenim o faptura noua, curata, cu vointa otelita, ca sa pazim legea lui Hristos cu sfintenie.

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Church Services : - Funerals - - **John Okolisan, age 91**, passed away on Feb. 2-nd, 2013 at St. Thomas Hospital. Funeral service was held on Feb. 6-th, 2013, at Denning Funeral Home, in Rodney, On., Interment took place at Rodney Cemetery. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal.

- **Peter Miter, age 88**, passed away on Feb. 6-th, 2013 at home. Prayers were held at Windsor Funeral Home on Feb. 8-th, 2013, and funeral service was held in our Church on Sat. Feb. 9-th, 2013. Interment took place at Windsor Memorial Gardens. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal. Dumnezeu sa-l ierte.
- **Octavian Turcu, age 84**, passed away on Sat. Feb. 9-th, 2013, at home. Prayers were held at Windsor Funeral Home on Feb.11-th, 2013, and funeral service was held in our Church on Feb. 12-th, 2013. Interment took place at Windsor Memorial Gardens. May God rest his soul in peace and his memory be eternal. Dumnezeu sa-l ierte.

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- **Betrothal – Logodna** - D-l **Costel Popa** si D-ra **Roxana Tamara Aldan** s-au logodit in Catedrala noastra Sambata, 16 Feb. 2013, avand ca nasi pe D-l si D-na **Mariana Alionte**. Dorim sa felicitam pe tinerii logoditi, urandu-le o viata fericita, plina de bucurii duhovnicesti si impliniri, alaturi de nasi si de cei dragi. Intru multi si fericiti ani, si Casa de piatra!

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- **Memorial Service** - - On Sun. Jan. 27-th, 2013, the family of the late **Dorothy Nicholson**, had brought a memorial in loving memory of the late member of our Cathedral, at her one year departure of this life. May God rest her soul in peace and her memory be eternal. Dumnezeu s-o ierte.

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PARISH COUNCIL - 2013 – 2014 : - We would like to congratulate the following for being elected and re-elected in our Council for the next term of two years :

Council Executive: - President: - Mrs. **Monica Mihalceanu**, Vice-President: - Mr. **Marius Enache**, Rec. Secretary: - Mrs. **Daniela Anghel**, Treasurer: - Mr. **Adrian Enciu**, Financial Secretary: - Mr. **Preston Punga**,

Auditors: - Mrs. **Viorica Andrian**, - Mr. **Valentin Zamfir**, - Mr. **Dan Zehan**.

Council Members: Mr. **Andi Mitrache**, Mrs. **Carmen Ognean**, Mr. **Nicolae Popet**, Mr. **Gabriel Stangaciu**, Mr. **Laurentiu Stupariu**, Mr. **Daniel Tomescu**, Mr. **Peter Tonita**.

Delegates to Congress & Deanery: Mr. **Marius Enache**, Mrs. **Daniela Anghel**.

Ex-Officio: V. Rev. Fr. **George Sandulescu** & Mrs. **Ileana Enciu**, (Cantor).

Best wishes to the newly elected Council for 2013 & 2014 term, and thank you to the outgoing members and officers. We offer our encouragement and ask that each member commit himself/herself to the work of the Lord, that we are responsible for, as His parish family. To all, our sincere congratulations! La multi si fericiti ani si succes mult!

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LADIES REUNION CLUB - 2013 – 2014: - Dorim sa felicitam Doamnele alese si re-alese in Reuniunea de Doamne pentru noul termen de doi ani: 2013 si 2014.

Felicitariile noastre se indreapta catre noua Presedinta a Reuniunii, D-na **Mirela Colgiu**, urindu-i mult succes in noua misiune a Catedralei noastre. Sincere felicitari se cuvin catre D-na **Letitia Stanciu**, pentru munca grea, dar plina de succes in anii devotati Reuniunii si Catedralei noastre. Ii uram multa sanatate, bucurii si binecuvantarile lui Dumnezeu. Tuturor Doamnelor alese si realese, aceleasi urari de mult succes, bucurie, sanatate si buna sporire in ogorul Domnului. La multi si buni ani, tuturor!

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Meet our new Member : - Dorim sa felicitam pe D-na **Doina Tintoj**, ce a devenit recent membra a Catedralei noastre, Ii uram multa sanatate, bucurii si impliniri cu binecuvantarile lui Dumnezeu. Bine ati venit in mijlocul nostru!

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LANSARE DE CARTE LA CATEDRALA NOASTRA. – Duminica, 24 Feb. 2013, am avut bucuria de a gazdui un eveniment deosebit, anume lansarea cartii Domnului **Herman Victorov**, cu titlul : « **Din viata unui om oarecare – Pagini de jurnal** ». Aceasta carte

biografica a vazut lumina tiparului la sfarsitul anului trecut la editura « Maple Red », publishing house din Toronto. Evenimentul a fost marcat de participarea unor personalitati marcante, anume : D-na Consul General din Toronto, **Antonela Marinescu**, D-I **Sorin Burtea** impreuna cu D-ra **Cristina Lorentz** de la Televiziunea Romana, D-I editor al ziarului « Observatorul Roman » din Toronto, **Dumitru Puiu Popescu**, si alti oaspeti veniti special pentru acest eveniment. Moderatoarea acestui festiv program a fost D-na **Mihaela Ignat**, care a evidentiat personalitatea D-lui **Herman Victorov**.

Lansarea cartii a fost urmata de o receptie, la care au luat parte un numar mare de iubitori de carte si de cultura Romaneasca.

Dorim sa-I felicitam pe D-I **Victorov**, urindu-i multi ani, cu sanatate, spor, bogate impliniri sufletesti, alaturi de distinsa familie, D-na **Striana**, fiica **Eva**, impreuna cu familia si cei dragi. Sa ne traiti intru multi si buni ani!

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COMING EVENTS : - Sat-Sun, April 13-14-th, 2013 :- Retreat Ortodox, cu participarea Maicii **Theodora Videscu**, stareta a Sf. Manastiri "Acoparamantul Maicii Domnului" din Ellenville, N.Y. Vor fi aduse moastele Cuv. Nicolae Velimirovici din Serbia, pentru venerare.

- Windsor Symphony Orchestra, at our Cathedral in Concert, on Fri. April 19-th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are: **\$17**, for adults, and **\$14** for seniors and students. Reserve the date.
 - Artistul si marele actor **Florin Piersic** in Windsor: Marti, 30 Aprilie, 2013, ora 7:00 p.m. la **Capitol Theatre**, 121 University Ave., West. Tickets on sale: pretul general **\$40**, pretul redus pentru elevi, student, pensionari este de **\$35**, iar pentru VIP, **\$50**. Rezervati data de 30 Aprilie 2013.
 - Sun. April 28-th, 2013: - **Palm Sunday Fish Dinner**, in our Auditorium, at 12:30 p.m.
- NOTE:** Please, try to order the **flowers** for Easter, and donate toward **Wine and Pascha**. The Program for Holy Easter is sent separately for your observation and participation.